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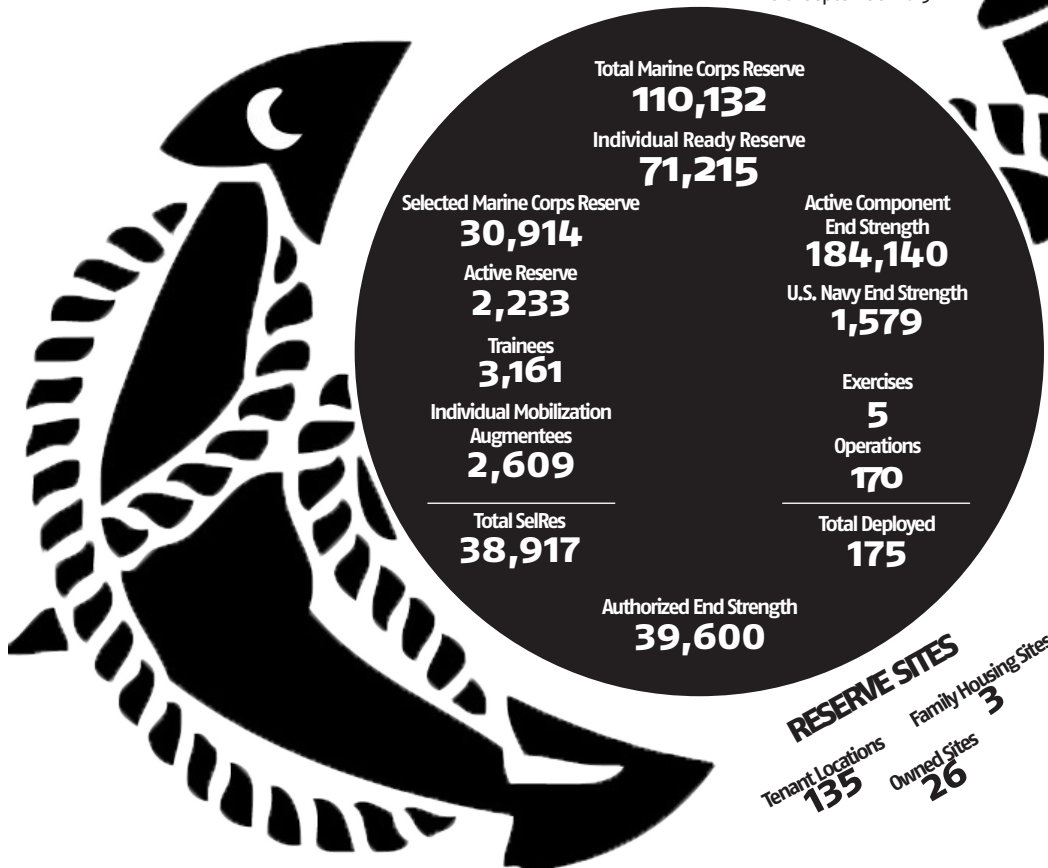


**LT. GEN. REX C. MCMILLIAN**

Commander, Marine Forces Reserve

It is my pleasure to be the new commander of Marine Corps Forces Reserve. I have spent almost 30 years as a Reserve officer, much of that time with MARFORRES. I continue to be inspired by the professionalism, commitment and spirit of MARFORRES Marines and Sailors.

My focus will remain on the readiness, health and welfare of our force. We are a tremendous asset to the Total Force and to the nation, and we must be ready to get in the fight at any time. Directly correlated with our readiness is the health and welfare of our Marines and Sailors. You are our most precious asset, and I look forward to marching forward with you. Semper Fidelis.

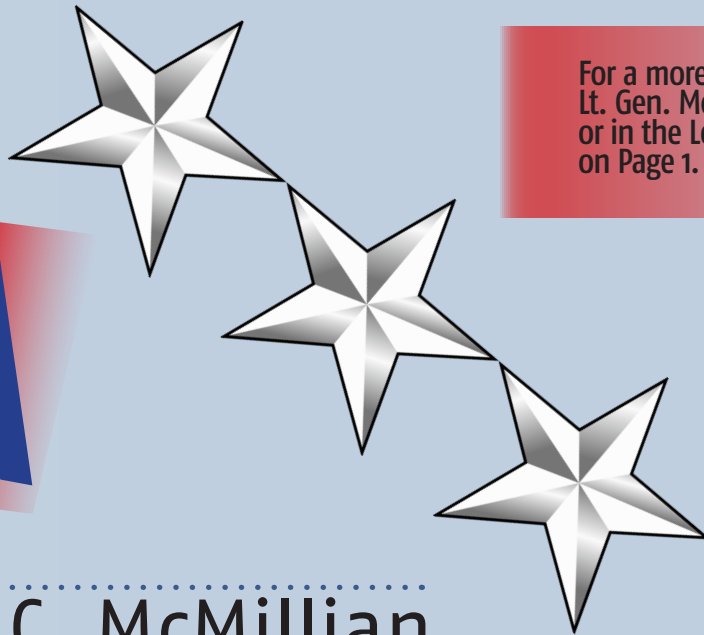


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For a more in depth bio on Lt. Gen. McMillian click [here](#), or in the Leadership section on Page 1.

# With Lt. Gen. Rex C. McMillian

## WHERE WE'RE GOING

Where do you see Marine Forces Reserve going?

I've had a lot of conversations with senior leaders over the years and I've asked them what they want to see out of Marine Forces Reserve. The response has been uniform. The Reserve component needs to be ready to augment, reinforce and support the active component. We need to be ready 24/7, 365 days a year to get into the current fight. I've talked with Marines at Reserve centers across the country and they want to get into the fight. I want to get them into the fight; but if I can't, then I want to work on getting them into an operational rotation, whether it is a unit deployment program or a theater security exercise with a partner nation.

What are your priorities for the Reserve Force over the next year?

For the next couple of years, the question that will be on my mind is what else do I need to do to make sure that Marine Forces Reserve is ready to go when the nation calls? I want to hold my leaders accountable to make sure everyone in their command has the resources and support to accomplish their missions. Not only do I want them to make sure we are prepared, but also that the health and welfare of our Marines and Sailors is kept a top priority. The country's most precious assets are our young Marines and Sailors.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

What is something people don't know about you?

I like to get out and ride my mountain bike, I love playing golf and I recently turned into a backpacker. I hiked 100 miles in the Sierra Mountains with one of my kids last summer, and I really enjoyed that.

Why did you join the Marine Corps?

I looked at all the services, but what sold me initially on the Marine Corps was a recruiter who said he would guarantee me a shot at flight school. When I went through the Platoon Leaders Course, I knew that even if I didn't make it through flight school I wanted to stay in the Marine Corps. I loved everything it had to offer. I loved the excitement, the esprit de corps and working outside. I love all the other branches, but there is something the Marine Corps has that they don't, and every Marine knows that.

What advice do you have for Marines who want to make the Reserves a career?

There are three big bowling balls that we have to learn to juggle as Reserve Marines. One of them is our commitment to the Marine Corps, one of them is our commitment to our civilian job, and the third one is taking care of our families. The challenge of being a Reserve Marine is learning to maintain the balance between those three aspects.